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1. ACCORDING TO A REUTER REPORT DATED MAY 7, THE ANGUILLA COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE LEASING OF NEIGHBORING DOG ISLAND TO THE "PUERTO RICO LAND ADMINISTRATION IN EXCHANGE FOR WATER AND ELECTRICITY SERVICES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND MONETARY PAYMENTS." HOWEVER, REUTER REPORT NOTED THAT COUNCIL MEETING COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED VALID AS SESSION WAS NEITHER CONVENED NOR ATTENDED BY DAVID LEBRETON, HEAD OF UK MISSION ANGUILLA, AS REQUIRED BY ANGUILLA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF 1971.

2. FYI - BARBADOS ADVOCATE-NEWS OF MAY 7 REPORTED THAT TALKS ON ANGUILLA'S FUTURE BETWEEN ROBERT BRADSHAW, PREMIER OF ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA, AND MISS JOAN LESTOR, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE OF FCO, WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 7-9 IN AN UNDISCLOSED BARBADOS WEST COAST HOTEL. SO FAR, THERE HAVE BEEN NO ADDITIONAL PRESS OR MEDIA STATEMENTS UPON THEIR MEETING.

3. COMMENT: EVIDENTLY, RONALD WEBSTER, LEADER OF THE ANGUILLA COUNCIL, STILL REFUSES TO WORK WITH LEBRETON "IN PROTEST AGAINST HMG'S ALLEGED STALLING TACTICS" TO AVOID FORMALIZING ANGUILLA'S BREAK FROM THE ASSOCIATED STATE OF ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA.

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